

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 22, 1865.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Pacific Railroad.

FEBRUARY 24, 1865.

Reported by Mr. HOWARD with an amendment, viz: In line 6, section 1, after the word "California," insert the words, printed in *italics*.

AN ACT

To amend an act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and to amend an act amendatory thereof, approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That section ten of said act of July second, eighteen hundred
4 and sixty-four, be so modified and amended as to allow the
5 Central Pacific Railroad Company and the Western Pacific
6 Railroad Company, of California, *the Union Pacific Railroad*
7 *Company, and all other companies provided for in the said*
8 *act of the second of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-four,*
9 to issue their six per centum thirty years' bonds, interest pay-

10 able in any lawful money of the United States, upon their
11 separate roads. And the said companies are hereby author-
12 ized to issue, respectively, their bonds to the extent of one
13 hundred miles in advance of a continuous completed line from
14 Sacramento.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the assignment
2 made by the Central Pacific Railroad Company of California
3 to the Western Pacific Railroad Company of said State, of the
4 right to construct all that portion of said railroad and tele-
5 graph from the city of San Jose to the city of Sacramento
6 is hereby ratified and confirmed to the said Western Pacific
7 Railroad Company, with all the privileges and benefits of the
8 several acts of Congress relating thereto, and subject to all
9 the conditions thereof: *Provided,* That the time within
10 which the said Western Pacific Railroad Company shall be
11 required to construct the first twenty miles of their said road,
12 shall be one year from the first day of July, eighteen hun-
13 dred and sixty-five, and that the entire road shall be com-
14 pleted from San Jose to Sacramento, connecting at the latter
15 point with the said Central Pacific railroad, within four years
16 thereafter.

Passed the House of Representatives February 21, 1865.

Attest:

EDWARD McPHERSON, *Clerk.*